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TITLE: METHOD FOR CONTROLLING A SYSTEM, ESPECIALLY AN  
ELECTRICAL AND/OR ELECTRONIC SYSTEM COMPRISING AT LEAST ONE  
APPLICATION DEVICE

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The Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-identified, enclosed patent application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please amend the claims 4, 5, 6 and 9 as rewritten below:

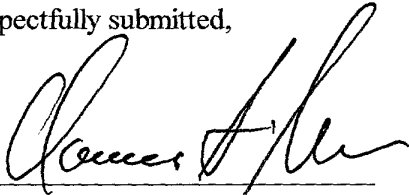
4. Method according to Claim 2, characterized in that control information input which cannot be reliably interpreted is correspondingly marked in the return signalling.
5. Method according to claim 1, characterized in that a check is made whether the control information is complete in order to be able to execute a requested action, and that the user is requested to complete the control information if this is not the case.
6. Method according to claim 1, characterized in that the control information input as keyword or keywords is compared with stored keywords for the purpose of interpretation.

9. Method according to Claim 7, characterized in that control instructions are stored as data records together with dummy codes for the application devices affected and the control parameters needed in each case to execute the instructions.

**REMARKS**

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.121 (as amended on 11/7/2000) the rewritten claim(s) above are shown on separate page(s) marked up to show all the changes relative to the previous version of that section.

Respectfully submitted,



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MARKED UP CLAIM(S):

4. Method according to Claim ~~2-or-3~~, characterized in that control information input which cannot be reliably interpreted is correspondingly marked in the return signalling.

5. Method according to ~~one of the preceding claims~~claim 1, characterized in that a check is made whether the control information is complete in order to be able to execute a requested action, and that the user is requested to complete the control information if this is not the case.

6. Method according to ~~one of the preceding claims~~claim 1, characterized in that the control information input as keyword or keywords is compared with stored keywords for the purpose of interpretation.

9. Method according to Claim ~~7-or-8~~, characterized in that control instructions are stored as data records together with dummy codes for the application devices affected and the control parameters needed in each case to execute the instructions.